

Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 29 October 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [REDACTED]

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General Smith:

a. Referred to a cable (OUT 64723) concerning the JCS proposal on Military Command relationships involving CIA in theaters of operations and stated that (1) we must realize that in the long run a theater commander during time of war would run his theater as he saw fit; (2) it would, therefore, be difficult to establish "iron-clad rules"; (3) he preferred to leave out of any paper prepared on this subject the Department of Army's slant that CIA components be placed under technical and operational control of a special force commander who would be a staff officer under the theater commander. Mr. Wisner noted he agreed with the Director but stated it appeared that Gen. McClure might be attempting to come through the "back door" on this problem. After some discussion, the Director stated that (1) he would call Gen. Lemnitzer on this matter; (2) if the Joint Chiefs did not act on their paper in about a month, we would put our views before the NCS since he desired to settle this problem before the first of the year.

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Mr. Wisner:

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b. Noted that Senator Bingham's Loyalty Board had asked [REDACTED] to appear in connection with the [REDACTED] case and that General Counsel had been so advised. The Director stated he did not feel that anyone from CIA should sit in on this hearing.

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c. Raised the question of procedure in submitting our cold-war programs to PSB and asked whether the Director desired to go over them first prior to consideration by Mr. Joyce and Gen. Magruder. The Director said that (1) he felt at the present time the latter course would be preferable; however, we

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

would only undertake those programs we could actually carry out and which all concerned fully supported; (2) the programs would then be submitted to PSB for its consideration; (3) programs submitted by State, Defense and PSB should first be considered by the Staff, i.e. Messrs. Joyce, Jackson and Gen. Magruder. Mr. Wisner recommended that we retain some flexibility in the submission of our projects and/or programs to the Staff since it would be desirable in certain instances not to place some projects and/or programs before the PSB. The Director concurred but stated we should use the Staff for screening purposes insofar as was practicable.

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c. Referred to a previous discussion regarding interdiction of certain shipping. The Director stated this would be an excellent idea if it could be accomplished.

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